



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 32**

February Session, 2012

Senate Bill No. 195

*Senate, March 19, 2012*

The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through SEN. HARTLEY of the 15th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 54-36a of the  
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
3 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (b) (1) Whenever property is seized in connection with a criminal  
5 arrest or seized pursuant to a search warrant without an arrest, the law  
6 enforcement agency seizing such property shall file, on forms  
7 provided for this purpose by the Office of the Chief Court  
8 Administrator, an inventory of the property seized. The inventory,  
9 together with the uniform arrest report, in the case of an arrest, shall be  
10 filed with the clerk of the court for the geographical area in which the  
11 criminal offense is alleged to have been committed; except, when the  
12 property is stolen property and, in the opinion of the law enforcement  
13 officer, does not exceed [two hundred fifty] one thousand dollars in  
14 value, or when an attempt was made to steal the property but the  
15 property at all times remained on the premises in a sealed container,

16 the filing of an inventory shall not be required and such property may  
17 be returned to the owner. In the case of property seized in connection  
18 with a search warrant without an arrest, the inventory shall be  
19 attached to the warrant and shall be filed with the clerk of the court for  
20 the geographical area in which the search warrant was issued. If any  
21 criminal proceeding is transferred to another court location, then the  
22 clerk with whom the inventory is filed shall transfer such inventory to  
23 the clerk of the court location to which such action is transferred.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	54-36a(b)(1)
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**PS***Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no state or municipal fiscal impact associated with increasing the property value threshold for retaining stolen property from \$250 to \$1,000. Because the volume of stolen property retained by law enforcement agencies is minimal, the bill is not anticipated to yield savings.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 195*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE STORAGE OF STOLEN PROPERTY.*****SUMMARY:**

By law, law enforcement agencies must inventory property they seize in connection with an arrest or under a search warrant. In case of arrests, they must file the inventory report with the court clerk for the geographical area where the crime was allegedly committed when the property is stolen and, in the law enforcement officer's opinion, valued at more than \$250. This bill increases the threshold to \$1,000.

By law, the agencies may return stolen property to an owner if the value is equal to or less than the threshold.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/01/2012)